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Latest News

5th Circuit Vacates Parts Of Obama EPA Utility Effluent Rule As Too Lenient

A federal appeals court has vacated portions of the Obama EPA's Clean Water Act (CWA) power plant effluent rule as too lenient, agreeing with environmentalists that the agency acted "arbitrarily" when it left in place decades-old technology standards designating impoundments as the "best" technology for treating some forms of waste.

D.C. Circuit Expected To Order FERC To Broaden Pipeline GHG Reviews

Appellate judges are expected to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to expand consideration of greenhouse gas emissions when approving natural gas pipelines with a known upstream producer, which would extend a two-year-old precedent requiring FERC to address downstream GHGs when the end user is known.

Fight Over MATS Rollback Serves As Proxy For Battle Over 'Co-Benefits'

A fight between critics and supporters of EPA's proposal to scrap its cost-benefit finding underpinning the Obama-era utility air toxics rule is serving as a proxy for a broader battle over how, and whether, the agency should in future rulemakings count the "co-benefits" of reducing pollutants that are not directly regulated by a specific policy.

DOJ Launches Push To Kill Controversial Judicial Theory Driving TMDLs

The Justice Department (DOJ) is urging the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit to overturn a district court ruling and forcefully reject a controversial judicial theory on when EPA must develop a waterbody cleanup plan,

or if the appeals court believes the theory is binding in the 9th Circuit, to find the theory does not apply to excess water temperature that is expected to be exacerbated by climate change.

EPA Moves To Reveal More Information On Small Refiner RFS Waivers

EPA is proposing to publish more data on small refinery waivers from renewable fuel standard (RFS) exemptions, as the agency comes under renewed scrutiny from biofuels advocates and their congressional supporters for its increased issuance of waivers, which biofuel industry groups blame for “destroying demand” for their product.

IRIS' High-Profile Chief To Be Shifted To New Role Under ORD Reorganization

Tina Bahadori, chief of the EPA research center that oversees its influential Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program, is slated to be shifted to a new role as part of the Office of Research and Development's (ORD) reorganization, a move that some say may be driven by her efforts to advance a program the Trump administration is seeking to sideline.

Daily Feed

EPA's final GHG inventory confirms slight emissions cut

Overall U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in 2017 were 0.5 percent lower than in 2016, though the rate of decline is much slower than in previous years.

House Democrats launch inquiry on EPA ties to utility group

Top Democrats on the House Energy & Commerce Committee are asking a power sector group and eight of the group's member utilities about ties with several current and former Trump EPA officials.

Ewire: Senators float carbon measures but face slim odds

In today's Ewire: A bipartisan measure would significantly boost the number of electric vehicles eligible for federal tax breaks, while four Democrats are re-introducing an economy-wide carbon tax plan.

EPA floats nine new candidates for CASAC vacancy

EPA's list of potential recruits to CASAC includes a diverse range of candidates, including ecologists, atmospheric chemistry experts and toxicologists.

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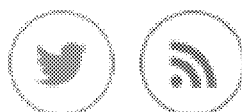
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